The University of North Carolina at Wilmington • School of Nursing

Our Changing World

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Message From the Dean

Dean Virginia W. Adams

We must become the change we want to see.

-Mahatma Gandhi

Greetings alumni, colleagues and friends,

At UNCW, the academic year began with a change in leadership. Dr. Rosemary DePaolo became the first female chancellor and the sixth chief executive officer of this growing institution that enrolls over 11,000 students. Chancellor DePaolo began her tenure engaging the university in a major benchmarking study of universities across the nation. Consistently her questions are "Who are we?" and "Who do we wish to be?" Her belief is UNCW is a good institution and can become a great institution. Two overarching goals are defining the university and reflecting a diverse campus. In the words of Gandhi, "We must become the change we wish to see."

Now, we ask ourselves, who are we in the School of Nursing and who do we wish to be? What makes us good and how do we become great? How do we become the change we wish to see? In response to the questions, first, we are a community of scholars dedicated to **excellent graduates, strong community partnerships and an increasing global commitment to health promotion and wellness.** We know we are good in these arenas and we strive to become great.

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Bolton Health and Wellness Center

Schedules Grand Opening

Bolton Health and Wellness Center has begun to offer primary health care services. The center is managed by Marie Campbell, FNPc, MSN, an experienced clinician and nurse practitioner in rural communities. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening are scheduled for February 7, 2004 at 11:00 AM at **213 9th, Street, Bolton, North Carolina.**

Bolton Health and Wellness Center operates under a recognized Campus Community Partnership model that implements community projects. The model includes community members in planning projects to promote the health of the community and educating health professions students.

Health services offered at the Center include primary care, blood pressure and glucose screenings; depression screening; counseling; community problem solving; prescription assistance; health and empowerment education; physical exams; and referrals. The Center is a multidisciplinary nurse managed center that serves as a service-learning and scholarship site for faculty and students.

Donations to furnish the center are being accepted by the School of Nursing. Please contact Stephanie David directly at 910/962-2659 or by e-mail at davids@uncw.edu.

Message from the Dean

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Consistent with the chancellor's strategies, the School of Nursing completed a self-study for national accreditation and hosted evaluators from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The preliminary results of the national accreditation visit were encouraging and the final recommendation will come from the Commission in May 2004. Also, the SON completed its third year benchmarking survey that compared selected program outcomes with six other like institutions across the country. Results from the benchmarking study are being analyzed.

In the focus on excellent graduates, the journey towards greatness starts with increasing faculty achievements, improving advancement growth, and strengthening community support to augment the successes of our programs. Becoming great means measuring our successes, reflecting on benchmarking results and systematically implementing strategic plans for improvement in our academic programs. Faculty agreed to reflect on academic programming, registered nurse shortage and nurse education shortage issues. Due to the dramatic increase in pre-licensure applications, the undergraduate program became the priority. SON faculty is developing a curriculum that allows twice a year admissions. SON administration is working with clinical partners to augment the instructional program. The university is offering support by addressing facility needs for program expansion. These are the changes required to achieve some measure of greatness.

Again, students have assumed state and national leadership roles. Along with local events such as fundraising for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Association of Nursing Students has been involved in Helping Our Latin Americans (HOLA) and members have been elected to offices of the North Carolina Association of Nursing Students including the presidency. Both students and faculty have become more engaged in technology. In critical care, students are using personal digital assistants (PDAs) in their clinical planning. Pharmacology, laboratory and other diagnostic data are literally at their fingertips. In addition to RN to BS courses being on-line, core courses from the graduate program have been developed for on-line instruction.

Partnerships between the community and campus strengthen the education of students. Over time, the academic community partnership with the Town of Bolton in Columbus County has made excellent progress. The Bolton Health and Wellness Center facility began to offer primary health care services. Community citizens and academic partners are excited about the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening scheduled for February 7, 2004. The Brother to Brother Prostate Screening initiative has achieved amazing results.

New Hanover Health Network and School of Nursing partnership continues to add value for both partners. During our annual Fall Retreat, Dean Patricia Burns from the University of South Florida and Diane Gray, one of her clinical partners, provided consultation about potential outcomes and the significance of clinical partnerships. Dr. Marge Miles from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill engaged the participants in the need for and strategies to achieve collaborative goals.

On an international level, the relationship with Iwate Prefectural University in Morioka, Iwate Prefecture, Japan progressed to an international joint research study with participation from both schools. Cooperative, collaborative instruction continues between IPU and UNCW with a lecture series scheduled for January 2004. The second international effort with our Peruvian priest, Father Alex Busutill, has been strengthened. A spring clinical experience for students is being considered with Arequipa, Peru as the clinical site.

So, thanks to the students, faculty, administration and community partners, we are confident we are becoming the change we wish to see.

Virginia W. Adams

Nurse Advocate Board

It's been such an exciting Fall for our UNCW School of Nursing Nurse Advocate Board! Betty Ann Sanders hosted a luncheon at Landfall for our current members and many new members to meet our nursing students and faculty, and learn about our many partnerships within the greater Wilmington community. Chancellor DePaolo made it a priority to drop by and stress the value of the NAB, emphasize the importance of nurses and the need to focus on addressing the RN shortage. We then hosted the Nurse Advocate Board and friends at the UNCW School of Nursing in January. What an exceptional group of friends!

We are facing a crisis in Nursing that will be felt by all seeking medical care. There are currently 2.7 million active registered nurses in the U.S. and the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates we will need one million new nurses by the year 2010. During the same time period, nursing programs will need to replace 60% of retiring nurse educators. It is a fact that hospitals with more registered nurses on staff have lower morbidity rates and shorter length of stay for patients. It is crucial that we continue to educate these caregivers and give them real world experiences while they are students to better prepare them for their future role in our health care system.

The Nurse Advocate Board at UNCW takes this mission to heart. Not only do members give financially to the School of Nursing to help nursing students have the very best experiences possible, but they give of their time in helping us spread the word to our community about the gravity of the nursing shortage and the partnerships UNCW School of Nursing is developing to help combat the crisis.

Our partnerships are designed to create special opportunities for the UNCW nursing student to better prepare them for their nursing career after graduation. With partners like PPD, Inc., New Hanover Health Network, Town of Bolton, NASCAR/Victory Junction Gang Camp, UNCW Department of Social Work, UNC-Chapel Hill Center for Research on Chronic Illness and Father Alex, our students truly have the potential to be the most prepared nurses ever.

If you wish to learn more about how you might help, please contact Stephanie David directly at 910/962-2659 or by e-mail at davids@uncw.edu.

Nurse Advocate Board Members 2003 – 2004

Carolyn Augustine
Liz Beckingham
Mary Ellen Bonczek
Dale Boyd
Beth Chadwick
Dick Corbett
Meg Davenport
Jim Dineen
Lee Garrett
Merrill Holden
Joe King
Gina Rountree McKim
Roxana Miller
Alex Milmoe
Lillian Newton
Robert and Wanda Pool
Sylvia Rountree
Candace Sancilio
Betty Ann Sanders
Becky Varner

Member and luncheon hostess Betty Ann Sanders (center) with Ann Rowe (left) and new Nurse Advocate Board Member Meg Davenport of PPD (right).

Honored...James R. Dineen, MD, retired Orthopaedic Surgeon and founder of Coastal Orthopaedics, was honored in Chapel Hill during the 32nd annual Raney Visiting Professorship. The Department of Orthopaedics, UNC School of Medicine, presented him with a plaque in recognition of "A lifetime of service to the Department of Orthopaedics and the UNC School of Medicine." He began teaching in the UNC Orthopaedic Department one day a week in 1958 while still on duty with the US Navy. He continued for 34 years.

Japanese and American Researchers Study Religion and Spirituality in Hypertension Patients

International Nursing Research Study Iwate Prefectural University and UNCW School of Nursing Faculty and Students

Dr. Perri Bomar and Dr. Jeanne Kemppainen work with researchers at Iwate Prefectural

"Comparison of Religion and Spirituality of Persons with Hypertension in Rural North Carolina and Morioka Japan"

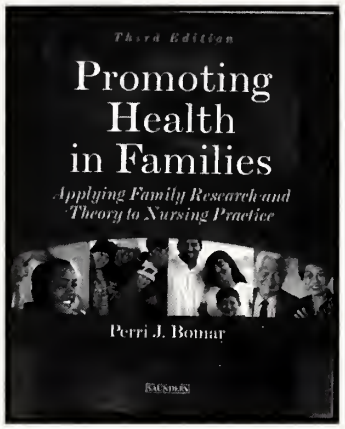
A joint research team from the faculty of Iwate Prefectural University (IPU), Faculty of Nursing and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington School of Nursing is conducting a study on "Comparison of Religion and Spirituality of Persons with Hypertension in Rural North Carolina and Morioka Japan." For Japan and the United States, continued high rates of hypertension and the lack of knowledge about multiple variables that affect the outcomes of hypertension have been major concerns. In other studies, spirituality has been reported to significantly influence the outcome of heart surgery and to reduce pain and suffering of cancer.

Iwate Prefecture has the highest levels of hypertension in Japan and eastern North Carolina has the highest levels of hypertension in the United States. Although incidence of hypertension is decreasing in both the Iwate and North Carolina, there is limited knowledge about the relationship between spirituality, health promoting behaviors, and the level of hypertension.

The research team will explore the behavioral, cognitive, cultural, and demographic variables in relationship to health-promoting behavior and physiological outcomes in persons with hypertension from Morioka, Japan and southeastern North Carolina.

A grant from IPU to UNCW School of Nursing study group members will fund the research. Investigators include Jeanne Kemppainen and Perri Bomar and faculty from UNCW School of Nursing, and from Iwate Yuriko Kanematsu, Dean and Professor; faculty members Michiko Tsuboyama, Adrian Cohen, Kazuko Kikuchi, Akiko Ando, Hiraki Anbo, Kyoko Noguchi, Aiko Kotani; graduate students Kiyo Sakamoto, Yayoi Sasaki, Yumi Taguchi; and Chief of Health Promotion, Sumiko Chiba. During the fall semester, the grant funded an initial meeting of the research team at IPU in Iwate, Japan. They compared the meaning of religion and spirituality in Iwate Prefecture and North Carolina and literature on religion and health. Then they planned the study design and visited Buddhist and Shinto shrines for ethnographic observation of worship in Iwate Prefecture and Morioka.

Faculty Achievements



Perri J. Bomar, Associate Dean of Research and Community Partnership is the editor of a popular text, *Promoting Health in Families*. Published by W.B. Saunders, it is used nationally and internationally by nursing health science majors. In this third edition, new chapters reflect the changing dimensions of family health care, family life and introduce an international perspective. The author panel includes international contributors with experts from all areas of family health, both within nursing and in other health disciplines. UNCW authors from the School of Nursing, Sociology and Social Work included: **Bettie J. Glenn, Shelton Hisley, Yeoun Soo Kim-Godwin, Susan E. Scheuring, Clyde McDaniel, Jeanne F. Denny and Robert G. Blundo.** In addition, one of our alumni, **Andrew W. Weaver** (BS 1996, MSN 2000), was a major contributor.

Sandra Flynn has been appointed Project Coordinator of Brother to Brother, a culturally sensitive prostate cancer awareness service-education project, funded by the Cape Fear Memorial Foundation. The project is designed to provide health mentoring for African American men in rural towns: Bolton, Navassa, Sandyfield, and Northwest. Men will be provided an opportunity for free Prostate Specific Antigen Blood tests (PSA) and digital examinations. Participants and advocates will be given ethnically specific brochures to distribute to African American men at risk for prostate cancer. For information contact Dr. Sandra Flynn, project coordinator, at 910-962-3802 or Dr. Perri Bomar at 910-962-3200.

Jeanne Kemppainen published a study in the *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services* in February 2003, Psychiatric Nursing and Medication Adherence. The study was included as a resource in an education packet prepared by Janssen Pharmaceutica Products. Dr. Kemppainen's research described creative and innovative approaches used by VA hospital nurses in California, Hawaii, and Nevada to improve their patients' medication adherence. This educational packet on the impact of partial medication compliance for persons with schizophrenia was distributed in the fall of 2003 to mental health professionals nationwide.

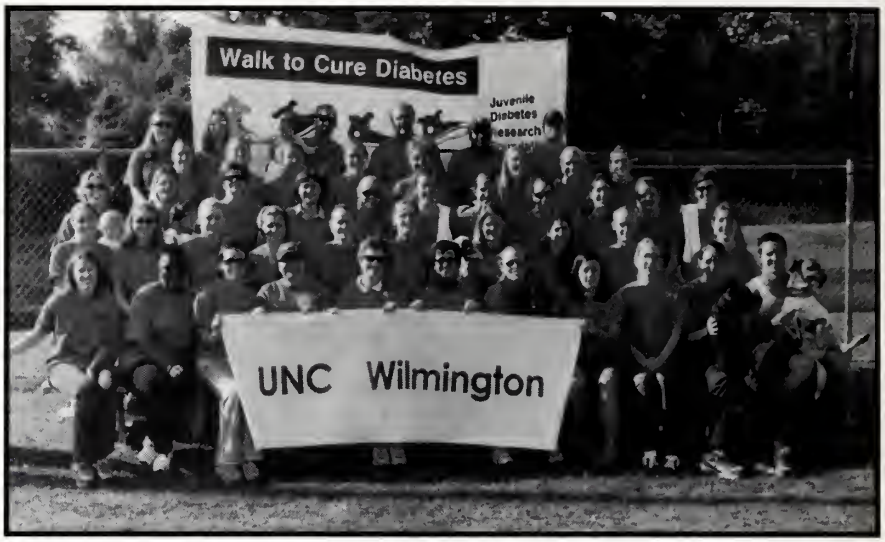
RuthAnne Kuiper and Tracy Theilges, senior nursing student, with support from the UNCW Information Technology Services division, presented to the UNCW Board of Trustees "Handheld Computers in Clinical Nursing." The presentation included management of clinical data and clinical resource software. Students and faculty advocate infusion of technology into the clinical instruction of nursing students and have an overall positive evaluation of the project with recommendations for future use. Faculty seek the use of PDA's as an adjunct resource in the clinical area and recognize the need to have wireless capabilities and expanded use for all faculty and students. Trustees had fun trying the devices and applauded the competence of faculty and students with the device and software programs, as well as their innovation.

Three faculty members participated in the 37th Biennial Sigma Theta Tau International Convention in Toronto, Canada from November 1st-5th. **Lorna Bell-Kotwall** presented her research entitled "Factors That Predict Change in Urinary Incontinence in Older Rural Women" (poster presentation). **RuthAnne Kuiper** presented her research "Self-Regulated Learning and the Outcome-Present-State Test Model of Clinical Reasoning Accelerating Critical Thinking Skill Acquisition of Nursing Students" (podium presentation). **Jeanne Kemppainen** participated in a symposium presentation entitled, "Lipodystrophic Symptomatology, Medication Adherence, Depression, CAM Therapies, and Health Related Quality of Life in Persons With HIV."

Commission on National Nursing Accreditation Site Visit

Excellent attendance of students, faculty, staff, and visitors at the final report meeting best describes the success of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education site visit. Faculty provided a comprehensive compilation of evidence files.

SCHOOL OF NURSING SURPASSES LAST YEAR'S JDRF FUNDRAISING GOALS



Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's "Walk to Cure Diabetes"

For the second consecutive year, the School of Nursing participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's "Walk to Cure Diabetes" which was held on October 4th of 2003. Fifty-one walkers including Chancellor DePaolo walked five kilometers around Greenfield Lake in Wilmington and became Silver Award Recipients for raising over $3,000 this year. Locally last year the team raised over $2,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Overall, walkers raised $341,000 and exceeded the targeted goal of $240,000. The mission of the Juvenile Research Foundation is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. Since its establishment in 1970 the foundation has provided over $600 million dollars for diabetes research. Over seventeen million Americans suffer from some form of diabetes and every three minutes someone dies from this disease. The World Health Organizations estimate that by the year 2025, three hundred million people will not survive diabetes. With our support, a cure for this chronic, devastating disease is within reach!

PLANS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH UNDERWAY

BJ Ellender joined the School of Nursing faculty as Program Coordinator of the proposed Clinical Research Undergraduate Program. Made possible through financial support from PPD Inc., a Wilmington-based pharmaceutical product development organization, steps have been taken for the approval of the proposed degree program.

The curriculum in clinical research will prepare graduates for careers in many types of research organizations, including industry, contract research organizations, and academic centers. Students will be prepared to be involved in one or more aspects of clinical trials research.

A distance learning format, via the Internet, will provide self-disciplined and self-directed students an option to pursue the program and prepare for professional advancement while continuing with work and other commitments.

Student interest is growing as North Carolina's Biotechnology Industry is expanding and job availability in clinical research is increasing. The application process is scheduled for late spring with Fall 2004 enrollment, pending final degree approval. The four year program includes a didactic curriculum and a mentored experience or internship in clinical research during the senior year. Fall enrollment for 2004 is anticipated.

Father Alex's Return Visit

Dean Adams with Father Alex at the UNCW Executive Development Center in Landfall.

The School of Nursing was honored to sponsor a luncheon for Father Alex Busuttil at the UNCW Executive Development Center. Father Alex is a Maltese missionary working in Peru. He has also worked with Mother Teresa (on a missionary assignment in Pakistan). Father Alex provided a lecture for faculty, students, and community health care professionals on "Rural Health Care of Women and Children." His presentation was educational and inspirational. Father Alex is the primary administrator of a Health Care Center for the indigenous people who have moved from the mountain villages to the outskirts of Arequipa (a major city). The focus of services includes general medicine, nursing, first aid, gynecology, obstetric, pediatric, pharmacy and preventative medicine. The Health Center also sponsors a Child Immunization Program and the Government's Tuberculosis treatment program. He also conducts mobile clinics to the mountain villages themselves on a regular basis.

On this his second visit to the School of Nursing, the students began to seriously discuss the potential for involvement in clinical and volunteer services. Students hope to raise the funds to help defray the costs of the trip to Arequipa. The experience promises to be a cultural immersion, as well as a unique global health clinical opportunity.

National Accreditation Agency Invites Public Comments

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington School of Nursing will be reviewed by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. for national accreditation on March 2-4, 2004. Written and signed comments from you about the school's compliance with accreditation standards are invited through February 25, 2004. Comments may be directed to:

Carol Gilbert, PhD, RN
Associate Director
National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.
61 Broadway – 33rd Floor
New York, NY 10006

ALUMNI NEWS

Nikki Dorwarth (BS 1998) has been accepted to the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia.

CALL FOR RESEARCH ABSTRACTS

TWELFTH ANNUAL NU OMEGA RESEARCH DAY

FOSTERING COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS

APRIL 1, 3-6 PM AND APRIL 2, 8 AM-2 PM
UNIVERSITY UNION 101

The Research Steering Committee for the Nu Omega Twelfth Annual Research Day invites you to submit an abstract for this exciting multidisciplinary health research conference in southeastern North Carolina. The goal of the conference is to bring experienced and novice researchers together to share the state of health related research. An emphasis will be on highlighting collaboration in research and scholarly projects that reflect innovative approaches to improve health outcomes as well as student outcomes.

Submission forms can be downloaded from Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Omega Chapter webpage at http://www.uncw/son/sigma/index.htm or obtained at the *Coastal AHEC Research Office*. For additional information contact: bomarp@uncw.edu; sue.hamann@coastalahec.org or dschackel@nhrmc.org.

New Faculty

Marie Campbell was appointed to serve as the manager and family nurse practitioner for the Bolton Health and Wellness Center that is a partnership between the UNCW School of Nursing and several partners in eastern Columbus County. Ms. Campbell has a BSN from North Carolina Central University and a MSN and FNP certificate from East Carolina University School of Nursing. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, has two years experience as a nurse practitioner in rural eastern North Carolina, nearly two years clinical teaching experience in community college nursing programs, and over 10 years in nursing practice that includes charge nurse and precepting nursing students. Her areas of expertise include primary care, case management, emergency room nursing, cardiovascular nursing, medical-surgical nursing, and telemetry. In addition to managing the Bolton Health and Wellness Center and providing primary healthcare, Ms. Campbell will serve as a preceptor to nursing students and provide guest lectures in the School of Nursing periodically.

Gwendolyn Chancy is a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and spent 13 years with the US military. She joins the university as a lecturer and nurse practitioner with the following degrees: MSN, Women's Health, UNC Chapel Hill; BSN, St. Louis University; and BS Education, Columbia Union College. Ms. Chancy's experience includes positions as: Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner at Shaw AFB Hospital; Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner at Wilford Hall Medical Center; Ob/Gyn, Labor and Delivery Staff Nurse at US Army Womack Medical Center; and Public Health Nurse at Columbus County Health Department. She is a recipient of the Air Force Achievement Medal from Shaw Air Force Base Hospital.

BJ Ellender, Coordinator, Clinical Research Program, is a 1973 Graduate of Forsyth Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Winston-Salem NC and holds both BSN (1982) and MSN (1985) from UNC Charlotte. Her clinical focus is in adulth health with a functional role in education. With a practice background in critical care, she added patient education, and nurse education while functioning as Clinical Specialist. Other experiences include president and owner of Health, Education, and Wellness, P.A., phase three clinical trials and a NIH funded women's health initiative. Ms. Ellender was a Parish Nurse for four years through Novant Health of Triad Region and a part-time nurse educator. Activity in various volunteer organizations include North Carolina Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Recently, she completed two terms as a local elected official for the Town of Kernersville.

Sandra Flynn, Assistant Professor, has a joint appointment with the School of Nursing and the Department of Social Work. Her degrees include: AAS in Police Science from the New River Community College in Dublin, Virginia; BGS and MSW from Radford University; and PhD in Social Work from The University of Alabama. Dr. Flynn's experiences include teaching and research assistantships at the College of Community Health Sciences Minority Rural Health Pipeline Program and the School of Social Work at the University of Alabama. Teaching interests include health care in social work, human behavior in the social environment, oppression, cultural diversity, social justice, and spirituality in social work education. Research interests are health disparities (minorities, underserved groups), cancer control and prevention (breast & prostate), HIV/AIDS (prevention), health policy, and minorities in higher education.

Marguerite Hopkins is an experienced public health nurse who joins the School of Nursing as a lecturer. Her degrees include: MS with a concentration in Psych/Mental Health from SUNY Stony Brook, and a BS in Nursing from SUNY Stony Brook. Her past professional experience included the role of Supervising Public Health Nurse in Suffolk County Department of Health Services in Hauppauge, NY.

Student Accomplishments

Spotlight on Student Outreach

- During the month of September, the junior nursing students conducted a total of 927 vision screening exams at local elementary schools as part of the community pediatric clinical rotation. Of the 927 elementary students, 51 were identified for re-screening and referral to the school nurse.

- The junior nursing students administered flu shots at the New Hanover County Health Department. A total of 60 students administered more than 800 injections.

- The Association of Nursing Students sponsored two holiday projects for The Coastal AIDS Resources Center (C.A.R.E.) in Wilmington, North Carolina. The students prepared total Thanksgiving dinners for two families who otherwise would not be able to afford a holiday meal. In addition, the students sponsored a Children's Book Drive for preteen children who have parents that are infected with HIV/AIDS. Many of these children live in impoverished areas of Wilmington where there are no books in their homes. The books were given to the children on December 11, 2003 during a Children's Holiday Party, sponsored by C.A.R.E. volunteers.

Student Professional Development Meeting

Kimberly McGuinness, Natalie Babb, Nikki Smith, April Wade, Jennifer Lastfogel and Rachael Castelli

In October and November the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) sent eight students to student nurses conferences. In October the North Carolina Association of Nursing Students (NCANS) held their annual conference in Durham. Four senior nursing students, Virginia Chafin, Kimberly McGuinness, Nicole Sampson, and April Wade attended and participated in this conference. The students participated in the House of Delegates where the yearly business is conducted and voted on, attended focus sessions and met with future employers in the exhibit hall. Nicole Sampson, the previous Break Through to Nursing Director, held focus sessions, participated in the House of Delegates as a Board Member, and assisted in planning the conference. April Wade participated in the House of Delegates as a delegate for UNCW. She attended focus sessions and was elected to the new board in the position of Break Through to Nursing Director. Kimberly McGuinness participated in focus sessions, and was elected to the new board in the position of President. Virginia Chaffin participated in focus sessions and was the campaign manager for McGuinness.

In November four senior and two junior nursing students attended the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) Conference in New Orleans. Three of the seniors, Natalie Babb, Nikki Smith, and April Wade, attended an NCLEX review the first two days of the conference. During the rest of the conference, they attended focus sessions, nursing panels, the exhibit hall, and a state meeting. The two juniors, Rachel Castelli and Jennifer Lastfogel, attended focus sessions, nursing panels, the exhibit hall and a state meeting. McGuinness participated in the Council of State Presidents (COSP), attended focus sessions, nursing panels and the exhibit hall. She held meetings with her board of directors and a meeting with other members of North Carolina. Wade participated in the meetings. The students not only gained knowledge in the profession of nursing, but they also had a cross-cultural experience that cannot be learned in the classroom. They were able to delve into the culture of food, sights, and people of Louisiana. And it gave the juniors and seniors a chance to learn from one another.

Student Accomplishments

HOLA Latino Educational Event
Castle Hayne/Piggly Wiggly September 13, 2003

UNCW School of Nursing students participated in a community outreach program designed for Latinos. Helping our Latin Americans (HOLA) is an outreach program providing educational and social support to our Latin American population. The UNCW School of Nursing set up a booth to screen blood pressures; distribute nursing, nutrition, and vaccination information; and provide health care referrals.

Children were given crayons, coloring pages, and band-aids; all materials were offered in both Spanish and English. In addition to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington School of Nursing (UNCW SON), this event included some thirty-three other venders such as:

- New Hanover County Co-Op Nutrition
- Wilmington Health Access for Teens (WHAT)
- Hermanas Latinas/Tileston Clinic
- North Carolina College Foundation
- New Hanover County Health Department Dental Educator
- Fit for Kids Center

Throughout the day the UNCW SON assessed blood pressures, made referrals, and gave a record of the results to participants. The SON provided visual aids about cholesterol damage to organs and the progression of arterial sclerosis. In addition, nursing students provided brochures (available in Spanish and English) from Johnson & Johnson's "Campaign for Nursing Future". The brochures supplied information on:

- Nursing as a Career
- Types of Schools
- Degree Programs
- Resources on How to Apply for Scholarships

Young adults interested in nursing as a career were provided with first-hand knowledge from nursing students about nursing school and the nursing profession. The Latino educational event not only benefited the lives of the participants by contributing much information on health care and the nursing profession, but also enhanced the nursing students' perceptions of the Latino community, making them more sensitive about Latino culture and health needs.

Study: Nurses' Education Level Influences Patient Death Rates

A recent *Journal of the American Medical Association* article reported a study of surgical patients found hospitals' death rates are higher when the nurses' education levels are lower.

Linda H. Aiken, lead author and a University of Pennsylvania nursing and sociology professor, and her colleagues studied a review of data from 168 Pennsylvania hospitals. Surgery patients' death rates were nearly twice as high when the percentage of nurses with bachelors' degrees was low.

Low levels of education, coupled with low nurse staffing levels, could translate to thousands of preventable deaths nationwide each year, the researchers said.

The findings suggest that recruiting nurses with four-year bachelor's degrees instead of just two or three years of education "may lead to substantial improvements in quality of care," they said. Registered nurse degrees are offered by two-year community colleges, three-year hospital diploma programs and four-year bachelor's of science programs.

Dr. Aiken said better-educated nurses tend to be more proficient in critical thinking

The percentages of more highly educated nurses vary at hospitals nationwide and ranged from zero to 77 percent at the hospitals studied.

GREAT 100 INC.

Edith Lynnette Inman, MSN 2004, is a proud recipient of the 2003-2004 **Great 100, Inc. Scholarship**. This organization recognizes peers and honors one hundred outstanding nurses in North Carolina for excellence in practice and commitment to their profession. Also, they work to positively impact the image of nursing and nursing as a profession as well as contribute funds for the education of registered nurses. This organization has awarded $140,000 over the past twelve years for nursing scholarships.
Congratulations to Gail Binni, Kimberly Blake, Sharon Clements, Sheila Gerald, and Susan Hanna, local registered nurses who were recognized by the Great 100, Inc. for their outstanding ability and for the contributions that they have made to health care services in their communities.

Student Accomplishments

SCHOOL OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS 2003-2004

Angela Christine King Scholarship
Sage Babuka

Charlotte Emily (Billie) Burney Memorial Scholarship
Emily Smith

Cape Fear Hospital Auxiliary
Erin Pratt

Edith Graham Toms Scholarship
Kimberly McGuinness

Forty and Eight of the American Legion Nursing Scholarship
Ian Knott
Melanie James
Erin Pratt

Hilda W. Fredericks Scholarship
Heather Ozard

Henry Harrell Scholarship
Rachel Irving
Megan McKerr

Jean Jordan Memorial Scholarship
Ian Nott

Jonathon deMeza Nursing Scholarship
Kelly Kaylos

Ministering Circle Scholarships
Stephanie Avent
Mindy Murray
Amy Handy
Kristi Simmons
Margaret Hayes

New Hanover Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Sylvia Brown Scholarship
Ashley Church

R. Bertram Williams, Jr., M.D. Scholarship
Brook Barefoot Taylor

R.T. Sinclair, Jr., M.D. Scholarship
Tonya Palmer

Theresa Bentsen Warrick Memorial Scholarship
Angela Mathis

William Allen King Scholarship
Erin Kirby

UNCW Bookstore
Kristie Simmons
Tonya Palmer

NC Nurse Scholars 2003-2004

New Recipients

Aundrea Avila
Hayley Ballenger
Deborah Boedeker
Brittany Carmichael
Kristy Carpenter
Marian Deaton
Amy Denson
Rachael Elkins
Ryan Hall
Rachel Hartsfield
Kathryn Humphrey
Molly Jensen
Susan Jordan
Kyle Lamb
Lara Leonard
Meredith Lewis
Jennifer Marlow
Megan McKerr
Brenda Melvin
Lorin Parnell
Lindsay Penn
Erin Price
Sybil Schooler
Beverly Scurry
Donna Spurrier
Ashley Steiner
Telana Thiel

Renewal Recipients

Megan Anderson
Karla Barritt
Elizabeth Bowden
Ashley Church
Amy Handy
Casey Hodgin
Susan Griffin
Rachel Irving
Jennifer Kelly
Laura McComb
Rebecca McGowan
Mindy Murray-Treto
Erin Powell
Kristie Simmons
Emily Smith (Nikki)
Tracy Smith
Melissa Sullivan
April Wade
Jena Welch
Amber Williams
Marie Williams

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Nu Omega Chapter

Undergraduates

Joshua Asbury
Karla Barritt
Elizabeth Bowden
Mary K Bruchanski
Virginia Chafin
Jerald Davis
Terri Lisa Davis
Casey Hodgin
Rachel Irving
Jennifer Johnson
Steven Johnson
Kimberly McGuinness
Heather Ozard
Tonya Palmer
Nicole Sampson
Emily Smith
Brook Taylor
Mindy Murray Treto

RN Access Students

Denise Strong

Graduate Students

Aundrea Avila
Deborah Boedeker
Linda Flowers

Community Leaders

Roberta Allred
Greta Franz-Covil
Karen Juma
Elizabeth Matthews
Karen Schaller
Cynthia Turner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bolton Health and Wellness Grand Opening	February 7, 2004	Bolton Health and Wellness Center (11:00 am)
National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission Site Visit	March 2-4, 2004	School of Nursing Hoggard Hall
Nu Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing Research Day	April 2, 2004	University Union Room 100 (8-12:00 noon)
Chancellor's Installation	April 15, 2004	TBA
Nursing Education Workshop for Faculty Development Guest Speaker: Professor Nancy L Diekelmann from the University of Wisconsin-Madison	May 4-5, 2004	UNCW Executive Leadership Development Center at Landfall (8-4 pm)
Nurses Night Celebration	May 6, 2004	Warwick Center Ballroom (6-10 pm)
SON Graduation Celebration	May 7, 2004	Kenan Auditorium (6-8 pm)
High Risk Mothers-High Risk Babies Conference	May 13, 2004 and May 14, 2004	Warwick Center Ballroom (6-8:30 pm) (8-4 pm)

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